

States troops stationed at Brenham and done in a spirit of incendiarism and also for the purpose of pillage; the property which was destroyed and lost amounting in value to \$131,026.00, a full list of which with names of owners and the sworn evidence of witnesses to the facts upon which the report was based and whereas, said committee recommended that our Senators and Representatives in Congress, and the Governor of this State urge upon the Congress of the United States the justice and importance of a settlement of the claims for said property so destroyed, and the removal of said troops, and whereas, no further action was ever taken by the Legislature of this State except to request the removal of said troops, therefore:

SECTION 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas: That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to urge by bill or otherwise as they may deem best the early settlement of these claims by the United States.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of State be requested to furnish a copy of these resolutions to each of the Senators and Representatives of Texas in Congress, together with a copy of the official report of said joint select committee with such papers as may accompany the same.

Approved March 31, 1883.

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No. 4.

JOINT RESOLUTION

To amend Section 9, Article 8, of the Constitution of the State of Texas.

SECTION 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas, That Section 9, Article 8, of the Constitution of the State of Texas be so amended as hereafter to read as follows:

ARTICLE 8.

"SECTION 9. The State tax on property, exclusive of the tax necessary to pay the public debt, and of the taxes provided for the benefit of public free schools, shall never exceed thirty-five cents on the one hundred dollars valuation; and no county, city or town shall levy more than twenty-five cents for city or county purposes, and not to exceed fifteen cents, for roads and bridges, on the one hundred dollars valuation, except for the payment of debts incurred prior to the adoption of this amendment, and for the erection of public buildings, street, sewer and other permanent improvements, not to exceed twenty-five cents on the one hundred dollars valuation in any one year, and except as is in this Constitution otherwise provided.

SEC. 2. That the Governor of this State be, and he is hereby required to submit the foregoing resolutions to a vote of the qualified electors of this State on the second Tuesday in August, 1883.

SEC. 3. That those voting for the amendment to Section 9, Article 8, of the Constitution, shall have written or printed on their ballots the words, "For amendment to Section 9, Article 8, of the Constitution," and those voting against the adoption of Section 9, Article 8, of the Constitution shall have written or printed on their ballots the words, "Against amendment to Section 9, Article 8, of the Constitution."

Approved April 7, 1883.